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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH FOKINE (USSR) REGARDING SOVIET REAL  
PROPERTY CONCERNS IN NEW YORK

REF: USUN 1269

SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF CORDIAL AND CONCILIATORY DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS ON OTHER MATTERS, FOKINE (SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP) RAISED FOLLOWING TWO ISSUES: (A) SOVIET DESIRE TO BUILD SIX CABINS ON THEIR UPPER BROOKVILLE PROPERTY FOR USE BY CHILDREN DURING WEEKENDS AND VACATION PERIODS (B) DESIRE BY SOVIETS TO DOUBLE THEIR CURRENT HOUSING CAPACITY ON THEIR RIVERDALE PROPERTY BY CONSTRUCTING ANOTHER BUILDING. END SUMMARY.

1. FOKINE OPENED DISCUSSION BY REFERRING TO SMUN NOTE OF APRIL 22 (REFTEL) AND STATING THAT THEY WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH US AND WERE RAISING TWO MATTERS IN THE HOPE WE COULD ASSIST THEM.

2. WE EXPLAINED THAT SMUN HAD RECEIVED SIX PREFABRICATED CABINS FROM MOSCOW WHICH THEY WISHED TO ERECT ON THE UPPER BROOKVILLE PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THEIR CHILDREN ON WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL VACATIONS. HE SAID EXISTING FACILITIES NOT ADEQUATE TO HOUSE THE CHILDREN.

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3. FOKINE SAID THEY "WONDER IF THEY CAN HAVE OUR COOPERATION AND HELP IN OBTAINING A POSITIVE REACTION ON THE PART OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES." WE SURMISE THAT SOVIETS ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE ZONING PROBLEMS BUT THEY KEPT THEIR REQUEST GENERAL.

4. FOKINE ALSO STATED THEY HAVE USED UP ALL THEIR LIVING

UNITS IN RIVERDALE AND, "WITH THE SOVIET COLONY IN NEW YORK FOR THE UN, TRADE MISSIONS, ETC., GROWING", THEY HAVE A SEVERE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LIVING UNITS.

5. HE NOTED SPECIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS THEY HAVE AND STRESSED SPECIAL NEED THAT FLOWED THEREFROM. CHOOSING HIS WORDS CAREFULLY, FOKINE SAID "WE WILL HAVE TO ENTERTAIN PLANS FOR ANOTHER APARTMENT PROJECT ON THE EXISTING PROPERTY IN RIVERDALE." HE SAID HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO BE MORE SPECIFIC REGARDING POSSIBLE TIMING OR OTHER DETAILS BUT SPECULATED THE SIZE WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO EXISTING NUMBER OF APARTMENT UNITS ON PROPERTY.

6. HE SAID THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THEIR ATTORNEYS OF POSSIBLE ZONING PROBLEMS AND HOPED FOR OUR COOPERATION AND HELP. HE STRESSED THAT THEY WORKED HARD TO ESTABLISH GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY AND HAVE SOUGHT TO GIVE THE LOCAL INHABITANTS "NO REASON FOR DISPLEASURE OVER OUR PRESENCE. WE LIVE THERE AND WANT TO GET ALONG". HE MENTIONED INVITATIONS TO LOCA SCHOOL CHILDREN TO VISIT THEIR SCHOOL AND CONTRIBUTION THEIR SPENDING MAKES TO ECONOMY OF RIVERDALE.

7. FOKINE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE ANSWERS ON THESE PROBLEMS BUT SAID HE WOULD HOPE TO HEAR FROM US IN DUE COURSE.

8. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REQUESTED.  
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